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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 28 October 1992 from Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning a violation of Iraqi airspace by an Iranian aircraft.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annexed letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 October 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that an Iranian aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in the area north-east of Al-Faw at 1344 hours on 24 October 1992. The aircraft, which was flying at an altitude of 7,000 metres, then turned back towards Al-Faw, entered Iranian airspace and disappeared south of Bandar Khomeini at 1411 hours.

Iraq has already warned the Iranian side of the consequences of violations of Iraqi national airspace by its aircraft. It wishes to refer in this connection to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq, contained in document S/24701, concerning a violation of Iraqi airspace by an Iranian aircraft on 18 October 1992.

This repeated violation of Iraqi national airspace by Iranian warplanes will create tension on the border between the two countries. My Government therefore vigorously protests against this hostile and provocative act, holds Iran fully responsible for such acts - which are contrary to the precepts of international law and the Charter of the United Nations - and demands that Iran desist from such action in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq